

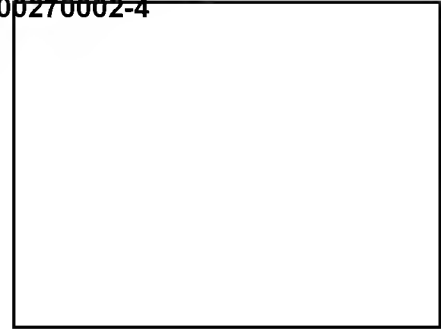


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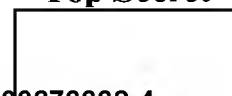


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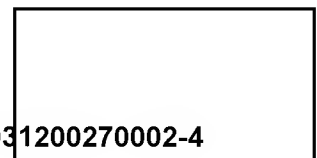
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USSR-PAKISTAN: Soviet Warning on Afghanistan

The USSR, in a note delivered to President Zia-ul-Haq on Tuesday, accused Pakistan of "conniving" with Afghan insurgents. Zia rejected the accusation, told the Soviet Ambassador that Moscow should ask Kabul to stop the repression of the Afghan people, and warned that if any more Afghan aircraft violate Pakistani airspace they would be shot down. Afghan exile groups have had a fairly free hand in Pakistan, and Pakistani tribesmen and religious groups are probably aiding Afghan insurgents, but Islamabad does not appear to have been directly involved. The US Embassy attributes this lack of support more to a desire to delay any crisis with Afghanistan and to low Pakistani estimates of insurgent capabilities than to fear of the USSR.

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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

Arab States

Continued disagreement over how to penalize Egyptian President Sadat for signing a treaty with Israel forced Arab ministers in Baghdad to postpone their scheduled formal meeting until this morning. Intense informal consultations aimed at reaching a compromise consensus are under way, according to press reports. 

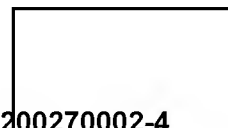
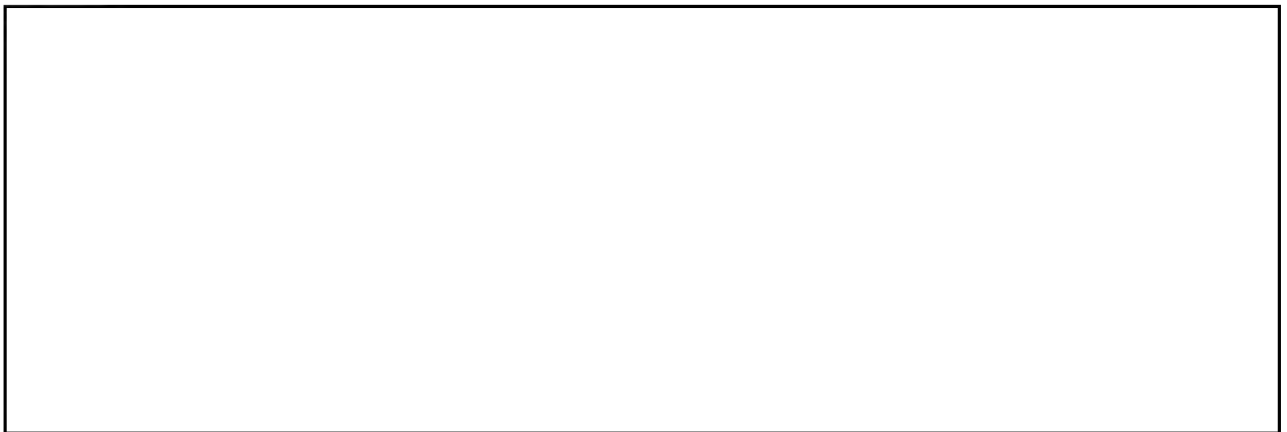
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COMMENT: *Having failed in their earlier attempt to push the moderates into a complete break with Egypt, the Arab hardliners must now consider what price they are willing to pay to preserve the image of a united Arab opposition to Sadat. A possible compromise would be an agreement in Baghdad to relatively mild sanctions, followed by a summit of hardliners where, among other things, they would call for Sadat's overthrow.* 

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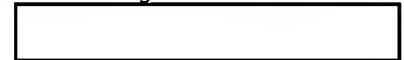
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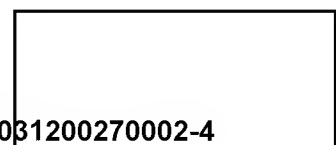
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Portugal

The US Embassy in Lisbon reported yesterday that Prime Minister Mota Pinto does not seem shaken by the defeat last week of his budget and is confident that he will have enough votes from Social Democratic dissidents and Center Democrats to keep his government--and his program--alive. Although Mota Pinto seems optimistic about his chances for eventually building his own political movement, the Embassy is not impressed with his political acumen. Nevertheless, Mota Pinto comes across well in the media, and this may fit into President Eanes' plan to build public support for the government outside the regular party structure.



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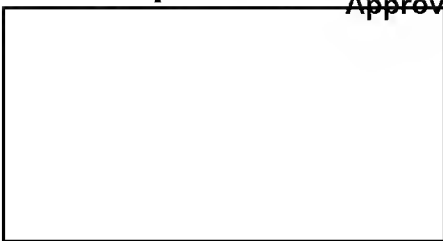


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